

SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Engrossed House Bill 2126 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 1, after line 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 3 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 4 JULY 1, 2001]:
- 5 **Chapter 30. School Psychologist and School Social Worker**
- 6 **Program**
- 7 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the school**
- 8 **psychologist and school social worker fund established by section**
- 9 **4 of this chapter.**
- 10 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "grant" refers to a grant from**
- 11 **the fund.**
- 12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school psychologist and school**
- 13 **social worker program" refers to a program carried out under this**
- 14 **chapter:**
- 15 (1) for kindergarten through grade 12; and
- 16 (2) by a licensed school psychologist or school social worker.
- 17 **Sec. 4. (a) The school psychologist and school social worker fund**
- 18 **is established. The money in the fund shall be used to develop**
- 19 **school psychologist and school social worker program models in a**
- 20 **limited number of school corporations as determined by the**
- 21 **department under this chapter. If a school corporation is awarded**
- 22 **a grant under this chapter, the school corporation must:**
- 23 (1) agree to evaluate the impact and results of the school
- 24 corporation's program; and
- 25 (2) submit the school corporation's findings to the
- 26 department.
- 27 **(b) The department shall administer the fund.**
- 28 **(c) The fund consists of:**
- 29 (1) gifts to the fund;
- 30 (2) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 31 (3) grants, including grants from private entities;

(4) proceeds from the sale of license plates as determined by law; and

(5) a combination of the resources described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), and (4).

Sec. 5. Subject to section 6 of this chapter, for a school corporation to be eligible to receive a grant under this chapter, the following must occur:

(1) The superintendent of the school corporation must apply to the department for a grant on forms provided by the department.

(2) The application for a grant must include the following information:

(A) A detailed description of a proposal for initiating or expanding a school psychologist and school social worker program.

(B) Evidence supporting the school corporation's need to implement the school psychologist and school social worker program.

(C) The number of school psychologists and school social workers employed by the school corporation.

(D) The school psychologist/student ratio and the school social worker/student ratio for the school corporation.

(E) Any other pertinent information required by the department, including evidence guaranteeing that if the school corporation receives a grant under this chapter, the school corporation has developed a plan to evaluate the effect and results of the school corporation's program.

Sec. 6. Upon review of the applications received under section 5 of this chapter and receipt of the recommendations from the advisory committee established under section 10 of this chapter, the department may award grants to school corporations subject to available money and in accordance with the following priorities:

(1) To the extent possible, to achieve geographic balance throughout Indiana and to include urban, suburban, and rural school corporations.

(2) To address a documented need for new or expanded school psychologist and school social worker programs, including considering the percentage of students within the school corporation who are designated as at-risk students under IC 21-3-1.8-1.1.

(3) To promote innovative methods for initiating or expanding school psychologist and school social worker programs.

(4) To reward school corporations that propose school psychologist and school social worker programs that demonstrate the greatest potential for replication and implementation in Indiana.

(5) To lower school psychologist/student ratios and school social worker/student ratios where the ratios are excessively

high.

Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), the department shall determine the amount of each grant that is awarded under this chapter.

(b) A grant to a particular school corporation may not exceed:

(1) fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each full-time school psychologist or school social worker for each academic year, or seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for each full-time school psychologist or school social worker for each semester; and

(2) the following total grant awards as each relates to the ADM (as defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1(d)) of the school corporation at the time the school corporation applies for the grant:

(A) For a school corporation with an ADM of not more than five thousand (5,000), seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

(B) For a school corporation with an ADM of at least five thousand one (5,001) and not more than nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (9,999), one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000).

(C) For a school corporation with an ADM of at least ten thousand (10,000), one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000).

Sec. 8. A grant received by a school corporation may be expended by the school corporation for a twenty-four (24) month period and may be granted for two (2) academic years.

Sec. 9. The department shall develop guidelines necessary to implement this chapter.

Sec. 10. (a) An advisory committee composed of five (5) members is established.

(b) The state superintendent shall appoint the members of the advisory committee.

(c) The state superintendent shall:

(1) convene the advisory committee; and

(2) act as chairman of the advisory committee.

The state superintendent may not be a member of the advisory committee.

(d) An employee of:

(1) the governor; or

(2) the department of education;

is eligible for appointment to the advisory committee.

(e) A member of the advisory committee serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(f) A member of the advisory committee is not entitled to the following:

(1) The minimum salary per diem provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

- 1 **(2) Reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses**
2 **actually incurred in connection with the member's duties.**
3 **(g) The advisory committee shall do the following:**
4 **(1) Assist the department in developing the guidelines**
5 **described in section 9 of this chapter.**
6 **(2) Establish standards for qualifying for a grant under this**
7 **chapter.**
8 **(3) Review grant applications and make recommendations to**
9 **the state superintendent concerning the awarding of grants.**
10 **(4) Evaluate the effect and results of the various school**
11 **psychologist and school social worker programs receiving**
12 **grants under this chapter."**

(Reference is to EHB 2126 as printed April 6, 2001.)

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